Dear John Davis, 11/21/87

Amy showed me your FOIA request, and maybe I'm coaling Newcastle, but I make a few suggestions.

You might well have duplicated this request to the DJ and INS because it is likely that the FBI gave them copies and they may had made interesting notes or inquiries. At least Criminal at DJ.

I think also, if you have not done it, the same request should be m de of N.O. for several reasons. First it will have what it didn't send FBIHQ, for example, all the informant contact forms the SAs fill out after each contact. Among other things this includes evaluation of the information. Sometimes things are attached. There should be stuff in the N.O. 137 file, like the agent's notes (also kept in evidence envelopes I think are FD 403 but I may be wrong on the number) and copies of what the agent wrote and filed.

With regard to the Marcellos, if you have not done so I think you should make inclusive requests about them. Of New Orleans.

New Orlans certainly has a smaller backlog and if they send the stuff to FBIHQ for processing, a stall, someone like Jim Lesar can claim no backlog on that.

In your memo, 4. d), that Regis Kennedy repprt has always fascinated me because there is no apparent reason for him to have written such a report. The FBI knew very well that Brother Marcello was there. So why write that kind of memo?

What Kennedy does not include is that he saw Ferrie there, as assuredly he did.

There are other N.O. reports of that period that I ridiculed in 1867. Another SA who wrote them is Wall. They appear to be as pointless as Kennedy's yet they were written and filed.

Best wishe,

Harold